SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. D. REGISTRY
S. B. D. 2894
28. 11. 34.

November 28 1.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter and to state that diligent inquiries made with a view to tracing John O'Connor, to whom you refer, have had a negative result.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Commissioner (Special Branch).

Mrs. Mary E. Browne,
Ballyshoon,
Killiniek,
Wexford,
Irish Free State.

28. 11. 31.

November 28 2.

Dear Father Mitchdrich,

I have had exhaustive inquiries made with a view to tracing John O'Connor who was supposed to live in Shanghai from 1929 to 1930, but can find no trace of him. Examinations of the records available have failed to reveal any information which would throw light on the report that O'Connor was associated in Shanghai in hotel business with one Gordon or Gordon or that any person named Gordon, Gordon or O'Connor had a license for a hotel in Shanghai at any time between 1929 and 1930. Enquiries at the American and British Consulates and Catholic Churches have also had negative results.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Father W. Mitchdrich,
St. Columban's Mission,
Via Ayuma Soffre.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D2 2891.
Date 16. 11. 31.
Date Nov 16th 193

Subject (in full) John O'Connor

Made by D.S.Moore *Forwarded by* JBKu. S/.

Regarding attached letter from St Columbam's Missions concerning the above named individual.All enquiries made in an effort to establish his supposed residence in this city between 1860 and 1870 have proved abortive.Likewise, his supposed association with one Condon or Cordon in the managership of an hotel in Shanghai during the same years may possibly be correct,but existing records have failed to reveal either of the two names as being those of persons interested in such an enterprise during that period.

WB Moore
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch

November 27th,1931

Further enquiries,on the lines suggested by the Officer i/c Special Branch,have been conducted in an effort to establish the truth or otherwise that John O'Connor did at one time reside in Shanghai.These enquiries like these made during the initial investigations,have proved fruitless.

WB Moore
D. S.

JBR. 27/11

Officer i/c Special Branch

Fm.

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 8 : 11 : 1931.

To S2,

Will you please make some inquiries about this matter?
The Revenue Department may have some records of the hotel? The number of hotels in Shanghai between 1860 and 1870 must have been limited. The registration cards of the U.S. or British Consulates may show something.

JHL

Fo.

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 19

To

1 British and American Consulate registries and shipping offices

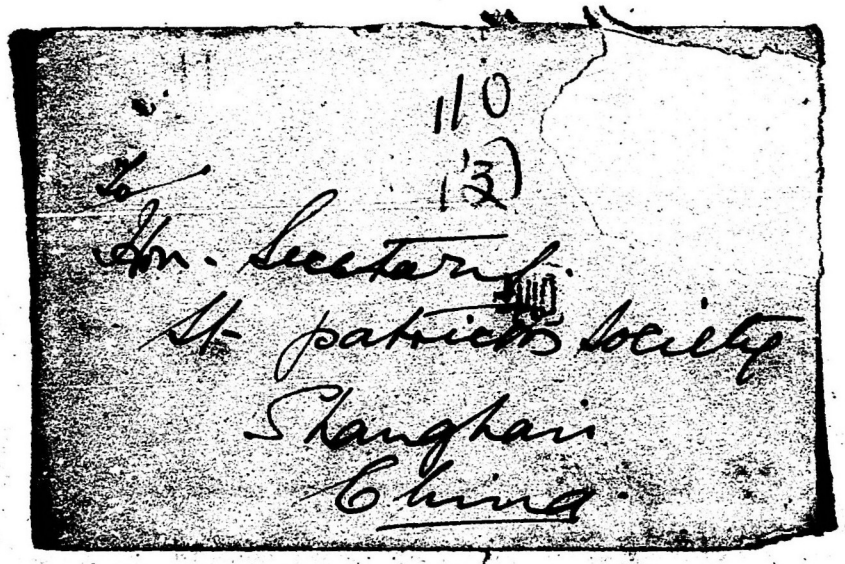
2 Custom House records of suspected smugglers

3 Revenue Office Records from 1869 to 1879 ✓

4 Lists of Catholics kept by old Catholic churches used by foreigners

5 A few unsolved [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and

Ex Supt. Burke
and Syndicate
Old records
of members of Police



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Tilinick
Wexford
I. F. S.

To
Hon Sec.
St patricks Society
Shanghai
China

Dear Sir
Could you please let me know if any man ~~soon~~ named John O'Connor was Registered at your office between 1869 & 1879 an Uncle of mine that name was killed in Nebraska in 913. he left a big Estate & we have all his Certificates but the Court requires his handwriting & to trace him from some place, we know he was in China about that time. We are very poor people & that money would mean a lot to us

or if you could give me the signature
it would mean a lot to us.
Sorry for giving you any bother
& thanking you in anticipation
I remain
Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
(Mrs) Mary H. Moore.

St. Columban's Missions
Shanghai, China.
上海崇眞堂

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 2591
Date 16 : 11 : 31

October 18th 1931

Dear Mr. Givens:

I have received a letter of enquiry from Mary H. Browne, Ballysheen, Killiniok, Wexford, about an uncle of hers, John O'Connor. He is thought to have lived in Shanghai between the years 1860 and 1870, trading in contraband shipping between Japan and China.

He was also thought to have been in partnership in a Shanghai hotel with a man named Condon or Cordon. The hotel is still in operation, so the relatives think, but Condon is dead.

Probably he did not register himself with the authorities on account of his smuggling profession. He left China and died in 1913 in Nebraska, worth a good deal of money, together with a good deal of property in houses and lands. The lawyers have located his Nebraska connections, but want to find out something about his activities and connections in Shanghai before they release the money.

Do you think you could hand this enquiry to some bureau or other which might be interested in tracing him. Should there be any detective agency in Shanghai which would do the searching, you might let me know of it, and I will communicate with his relatives at home. They of course would have to guarantee any expenses in the subject, so that I would wish to notify them first.

Sincerely yours,

W. MacGillycuddy